STATE of WISCONSIN



WHEREAS; the many nurses working and serving in health care facilities across the State of Wisconsin, including 81,000 Registered Nurses and 13,500 Licensed Practical Nurses, contribute much to the care and education of the public regarding many health issues; and

WHEREAS; nurses are known to be patient advocates, acting to protect the lives of those under their care; and

WHEREAS; nurses represent the largest single component of the health care profession, and provide culturally and ethnically sensitive care; and

WHEREAS; nurses are experienced researchers, and their work covers clinical research, health systems and outcomes research, and nursing education; and

WHEREAS; the history of "Nurse Day" can be traced back to 1953, when the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare sent a proposal to President Eisenhower to proclaim a "Nurse Day" in recognition of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing; and

WHEREAS; the nursing profession has been supported and promoted by the American Nurses Association and its local affiliates since 1896, and this year's theme is "Nurses: Leading the Way;"

> NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 8, 2014, as

NURSE APPRECIATION DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison

> SCOTT WALKER **GOVERNOR**

this 8th day of May 2014.



DOUGLAS LA FOLI Secretary of State